



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

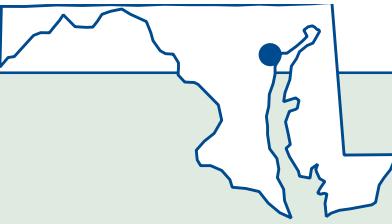
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Life and  
Conservation,  
Baltimore, MD*

## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

The Center for Aquatic Life and Conservation (CALC) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in Baltimore (population 651,154), the CALC is focusing on a site in the Middle Branch region in Cherry Hill, a low-income community where 98 percent of residents are minorities. The median household income in Cherry Hill is \$17,500, and the unemployment rate is 18.2 percent. There are 56 brownfields ranging from an estimated 1,016 to 2,400



## Cleanup Grant

New  
2006

### \$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Center for Aquatic Life and Conservation (CALC) for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the seven-acre CALC at Middle Branch Park site at 101 W. Cromwell Street in Baltimore, which is contaminated with arsenic, mercury, and benzo(a)pyrene. Grant funds will be used to develop cleanup plans, excavate contaminated soil, purchase environmental insurance, implement engineering controls, and conduct community involvement activities.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

acres throughout the city. Redevelopment of the CALC at Middle Branch Park site is part of a larger project to clean up 20 acres and reuse a 140,000-square-foot garage as an Animal Care Center for the National Aquariums in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., with conservation education programs, research space, laboratories, offices, and classrooms. The cleanup project is expected to enhance public access to the waterfront area with a trail and fishing pier, increase education opportunities through programs offered at the Animal Care Center, and improve water quality.